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LB 157

CLERK: Enrollment and Review amendments, Senator.

PRESIDENT: E & R.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move that the E & R amendments to LB 157 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the bill. (Kristensen amendment appears on pages 1141-42 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the first responder bill Senator Chizek spoke about earlier. I have some amendments basically to this bill which substitutes the health care or the hospital and substitutes for that the attending physicians. Under the bill, what happens is that the hospital is requested to make tests of the patient on the situations where the bill will come into effect. Hospitals really don't have patients, it is attending physicians. And so what my amendment, and they should be passed out right now, does is substitute patient's attending physicians for the health care facility and so on for those tests to be done and it's really to conform the bill to the normal course of the way a hospital operates and works and this bill...this is a cleanup. I still strongly believe in the bill. This is not made to gut the bill in any manner. It's basically to conform to the way that the procedures actually work in a hospital. Other things that the amendment does is allow for the doctor or the attending physician to be notified if there are any positive test results and so on. There has not been any opposition to these amendments that I know of and I would ask for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I just...I support the amendments. I consider them friendly amendments and clarification.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. The question is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed